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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, on the 10th anniversary of that date.

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Mr. CANTOR (for himself and Ms. PELOSI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Select Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon near Washington, DC, and a fourth was prevented from also being used as a weapon against

America by brave passengers who placed their country above their own lives;

Whereas thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders;

Whereas 10 years later the country continues to, and shall forever, mourn their tragic loss and honor their memory;

Whereas these attacks destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center, as well as adjacent buildings, and seriously damaged the Pentagon;

Whereas these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate our Nation and weaken its resolve;

Whereas memorials have been constructed to honor the victims of these attacks at the Pentagon, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and on the World Trade Center grounds, so that Americans and people from around the world can visit to mourn those lost and to pay tribute to the heroic action and sacrifice of those who have served our communities and our country in the years since the attacks;

Whereas 10 years after September 11, 2001, the United States continues to fight terrorists and other extremists who threaten America and her friends and allies;

Whereas successive Congresses have passed and President Bush and President Obama have signed numerous laws to assist victims of terrorism, protect our Nation, combat

terrorism at home and abroad, and support the members of the Armed Forces who courageously defend the United States;

Whereas by the tireless efforts of our intelligence, military, and law enforcement professionals, the United States has been able to significantly degrade the al Qaida network, by taking into custody or killing senior al Qaida leaders, operational managers, and key facilitators, and owes a debt of gratitude to the focused and persistent efforts of all those personnel involved in the removal of Osama bin Laden;

Whereas the terrorist attacks that have occurred around the world since September 11, 2001, remind us of the hateful inhumanity of terrorism and the ongoing threat it poses to freedom, justice, and the rule of law;

Whereas United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies and allies of the United States around the world have worked together to detect and disrupt terrorist networks and numerous terror plots since September 11, 2001, and have ensured that no attacks have been carried out on American soil since that day;

Whereas the Nation is indebted to the brave military, intelligence, law enforcement, and civilian personnel serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere in advancement of United States national interests;

Whereas thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror; and

Whereas the passage of ten years has not diminished the pain caused by the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 persons killed on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes September 11 as a day of solemn
3 commemoration;

4 (2) extends again its deepest sympathies to the
5 thousands of innocent victims of the September 11,
6 2001, terrorist attacks, and to their families,
7 friends, and loved ones;

8 (3) honors the heroism and the sacrifices of
9 United States military and civilian personnel and
10 their families who have sacrificed much, including
11 their lives and health, in defense of their country;

12 (4) credits the heroism of first responders, law
13 enforcement personnel, State and local officials, vol-
14 unteers, and others who aided the victims of these
15 attacks and, in so doing, bravely risked their own
16 lives and long-term health;

17 (5) expresses thanks and gratitude to the for-
18 eign leaders and citizens of all nations who have as-
19 sisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the
20 United States against terrorism in the aftermath of
21 the attacks on September 11, 2001, and asks them
22 to continue to stand with the United States against
23 international terrorism;

24 (6) commends the military and intelligence per-
25 sonnel involved in the removal of Osama bin Laden;

1 (7) reasserts its commitment to opposing vio-
2 lent extremism arrayed against American interests
3 and to providing the United States military, intel-
4 ligence, and law enforcement communities with the
5 resources and support to do so effectively and safely;

6 (8) vows that it will continue to identify, inter-
7 cept, and disrupt terrorists and their activities;

8 (9) reaffirms that the American people will
9 never forget the sacrifices made on September 11,
10 2001, and will never bow to terrorist demands; and

11 (10) declares that when Congress adjourns
12 today, it stands adjourned out of respect to the vic-
13 tims of the terrorist attacks.

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